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take some time, perhaps not 50 years, like I suggested in my amendment earlier, but we don't need to mandate that it be done in the next two years. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. On with discussion. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, I give my time to Senator Fischer. And, Senator Fischer, I answer all questions about grandchildren.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Fischer, first. Senator Fischer.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. President, members of the body, I would just like to thank you for overruling the Chair. Nothing personal against the Chair, of course. Again, I want to state, as I did first thing this morning, I consider it a privilege to be a member of this body, and I thank you for the opportunity to address these issues and to address them with facts and to address them rationally. So I, personally, would like to thank all of you and I hope the debate continues on a high level, and information is put out so senators can address this issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Senator Schrock, did you say you wish...waives the rest of his time. You may do so. Senator Louden, on the McDonald amendment.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I guess when you talk about option, option enrollment and that sort of thing, maybe some of us need our memories refreshed. Maybe some of us weren't around when that was begun. But, as I said before, I was on a school board years ago when a lot of this stuff became the rules and along in the late eighties, nineties, some time in there, if my memory serves me correctly, why, here we came up with the idea of option enrollment. And my goodness, it was sold that those...they'd be inner city students could have the chance to go out there and enroll in those better schools out around the These country kids that were getting metropolitan areas. the ... such a poor education out here in these, in the country,